

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes  
March 20, 2007

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Roy Henry, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Mary Brundage and Jane Snyder

Absent: Beth Butler

Motion made to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting by Roy Henry and seconded by Jill Kenrick. Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

1. Heritage Landscape Preservation and Inventory Program

Shelly and Roy attended a meeting at the Uxbridge Senior Center to get information concerning this program. The town of Uxbridge has been chosen to receive help in conducting an Inventory Program with the help of the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor Commission. The town will receive advice on how to preserve historically significant landscapes. Cemeteries were not high on the priority list among the attendees.

The Historic Cemetery Committee is all ready completing an inventory program on the Uxbridge cemeteries and is submitting forms to Mass Historical.

2. Gideon Mowry Cemetery

Shelly has written a letter to Mr. James Nadeau, owner of the property where the Gideon Mowry Cemetery is located, informing him of the upcoming tree removal in and around the cemetery. Lewis Tree Company is in the area and will be removing the trees from the roadside of the Cemetery. When that phase is completed, the Committee is seeking permission to use Mr. Nadeau's driveway to remove any trees that can not be reached from the street.

3. Aldrich-Buxton Cemetery

Shelly spoke with Alan Levallee from PAL about coming back to the Aldrich-Buxton Cemetery to check the flagging the committee did at the cemetery. He will come back and check the flagging at no cost.

The next step is to get the Cemetery surveyed both the inside and outside areas. PAL does not do this type of work. We can contract with any company to do this work. Shelly will inform B.J.'s of this. The Cemetery Committee will let BJ's choose which surveyor they want to use to complete the survey.

4. Meeting with David Genereaux about Cemetery Accounts

The Cemetery Funds have been moved into accounts that earn better interest. We will be receiving monthly statements about the funds as soon as the new computer system is installed.

5. Norden Cemetery

Tim Rice of the Board of Health gave Shelly advice about getting the Secretary of State's Office involved in getting the public records dealing with the Norden Cemetery. Shelly contacted the Division of Public Records in the Secretary of State's Office and spoke with a lawyer about the concerns of the committee.

The lawyer has requested the Historic Cemetery Committee and the Board of Selectmen send a formal request to the department requesting their assistance.

At the least the Division of Public Records will give us suggestions on how to further pursue the matter.

Motion: Have the Chairman of the Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee send a letter requesting assistance from the Division of Public Records in the Secretary of State's Office in pursuing and obtaining copies of the Norden Cemetery Records.

Motion made by Roy Henry  
Second: Jill Kenrick  
Unanimous

Shelly, Jill and Sheryl met with Dick Buma and Chairman of the BoS, Julie Woods to follow up on a letter that was sent to Ms Laure Berthillette requesting copies of records pertaining to the Norden Cemetery. Several ideas were brainstormed. We will wait until after the Secretary of State's office makes a decision before we move forward on other ideas.

Shelly will contact Mary Beth Morris pastor of the Lutheran Church in Woonsocket. Mary Beth has some pictures and information about some of the people buried in the cemetery.

#### 6. Cemetery Book

Jeff Lovell will install the program on a computer for the Committee to finish inputting information at our own pace. We are looking to get a lap top that can be used to hold this database and be used on site visits to the cemeteries.

The balance owed to Lyn is \$250.00

Motion: The UHCC will pay Lyn Lovell \$250.00, the remaining balance, for completing her part of the Historic Cemetery Inventory.

Motion made by Jill Kenrick  
Second: Roy Henry  
Unanimous

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Norden Cemetery

Jill was doing research in Millville for the Norden Cemetery and was informed of a website run by a Boston Police Officer - Ray Melo. Officer Melo is creating a website that will honor all the Boston Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. John I Jackson was a Boston Officer who died in the line of duty and is buried in the Norden Cemetery. Jill shared the information she had found and her conversations with Officer Melo. He is looking for more information and a picture of Mr. Jackson. We will see what we can do to assist in this matter.

Shelly will be going to visit Margaret Carroll and see if she has any information about this man and his family.

2. Cemetery Maintenance

Chris Cota came and presented his estimated bill for maintaining (mowing and trimming) 13 cemeteries for 2007. The total bill is \$2,425.00.

Motion: To accept Chris Cota's estimated bill for maintaining 13 cemeteries. And add an additional mowing at the Norden Cemetery for \$65.00 and an additional mowing at the Stephen Holbrook Cemetery for \$40.00. This brings the total estimated cost to \$2,530.00.

Motion made by: Jane Snyder

Second: Jill Kenrick

Unanimous

3. Cemetery Signage

We still have 12 or 13 signs that need to be placed when the ground thaws. Committee members will put up the ones they can.

Motion: To accept Chris Cota's bid to put up signs at \$15.00 per sign

Motion made by: Mary Brundage

Second by Roy Henry

Unanimous

4. Donations:

The Cemetery Committee received \$70.00 from Stephen White for the Norden Cemetery. He recently had a relative buried in the Norden Cemetery.

5. Grants:

Roy has information about a grant and the Corridor Commission. He will bring it to the next meeting.

Shelly will pursue a WalMart Grant.

6. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Jill Kenrick; seconded by Roy Henry Unanimous.